

COMING SOON for YOUR TEETH AND EYES!

The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)

Federal and USPS employees eligible for the FEHB program (whether enrolled or not) and annuitants will be able to enroll in dental and/or vision insurance this Fall, with coverage effective December 31, 2006.

The FEDVIP open season will be held at the same time as the FEHB and FSAFEDS open season – **November 13 – December 11, 2006.**

Premiums are enrollee-pay-all and will be deducted pre-tax for employees. Enrollments will be available as self only, self plus one, and self and family and will take place on the BENEFEDS Portal at www.benefeds.com.

We're working on the operational aspects of the program right now. We have not signed contracts with any vendors yet. The educational campaign has not started yet. Brochures and guides are not available yet. We don't have rate information yet.

But we're hearing from your employees already, and we are gratified they're excited about the program! Please let them know that the program is coming, they haven't missed out on anything yet, it is too early to enroll and we have not published detailed information about the program yet. It is too early to arrange participation at health fairs. It is too early to know the benefits and rates.

What's NOT too early to know is that we've been working very closely with the BENEFEDS Portal and with every Federal payroll and annuity provider for many months now. The Portal will be ready to accept enrollments, and every payroll/annuity provider will be ready to process FEDVIP deductions.

Please be aware that any firms that come to you already, asking you to distribute materials on their dental and/or vision plan are NOT PART of the FEDVIP. We do not have contractors yet.

We appreciate your patience as we work very hard to get the program up and running. You WILL hear more about the program in the months to come, as we set up a website with frequently asked questions, sign contracts with vendors, get the BENEFEDS enrollment website up, set up satellite broadcasts, approve marketing materials, etc.

There will be an extensive informational campaign prior to and during the Open Season. If you have other questions, please send an email to FEDVIP@opm.gov.